

REPORT ON INFORMATION COLLECTED CONCERNING APPLICANT

Under California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 60835, the Bureau of State Audits is responsible for collecting information concerning applicants for the Citizens Redistricting Commission that is needed by the Applicant Review Panel to perform its responsibilities. Pursuant to that regulation, Stephanie Ramirez-Ridgeway, Counsel for the Applicant Review Panel, requested information on behalf of the panel concerning an applicant being considered for selection to the Commission. This is a report by bureau staff in response to that request.

Name of Applicant: Peggy Huang_____.

Date of request to collect information: July 29, 2010_____.

Statement of request: _____.

(1) In the "Employment History" section of her supplemental application, Applicant reported past employment with the California Senate. When and in what capacity was Applicant employed by the Senate?_____.

(2) As stated on her supplemental application, Applicant's familial relationships are confusing because it appears that her maiden name is the same as her married name. Provide clarification._____.

(3) According to a letter of recommendation, Applicant serves on the governing board of Life Steps Foundation Children and Family Services. Who are the major donors to this organization?_____.

(4) On her Form 700, Applicant disclosed owning real property worth of \$100,000 - \$1,000,000, but reported receiving less than \$500 in rent on the property over a 12-month period. Is that accurate?_____.

Response to request: _____.

(1) Applicant worked for State Senator K. Maurice Johannessen as a "Senate Associate" in 1997-98 and for State Senator Hilda Solis as an intern in 1997. In response to questioning by Bureau staff, Applicant stated that she has no relationship with any members or staff of the Legislature. She expressed doubt that Senator Solis would even remember her._____.

(2) As confirmed by public records, Applicant's maiden name is "Huang." Raymond and James Huang are her siblings. She has a bona fide relationship with Raymond Huang due to joint ownership of a bank account that they closed after she submitted her applications.

(3) Life Steps is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to "provide in-home, community based services to mentally, physically, or developmentally disabled families, single parents, minorities, seniors, and other high-risk populations challenged by substance abuse, premature birth, child abuse or neglect, and social or economic deprivation." Life Step's donors are not listed in its financial statements or tax documents. During questioning by Bureau staff, Applicant reported that she is President of a Life Steps affiliate that provides services to children and not the umbrella organization.

(4) During questioning by Bureau staff, Applicant stated that the information she reported on the Form 700 about real property is correct. The property is controlled by her husband's parents, although her name is also on the title. Once a year, she receives a check for her share of the rent received from the property, which is about 10%.

Additional Information: Applicant's husband is a member of the Lincoln Club of Orange County. The Lincoln Club of Orange County is one of several Republican volunteer organizations for business and professional people. It is very active in supporting Republican candidates and causes.

Recommendations: None

Name and title of person submitting report: Steven Benito Russo, Chief of Investigations

Report date: August 5, 2010